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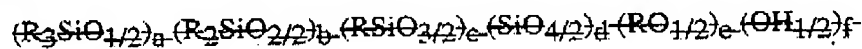
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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the ABSTRACT as follows:

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This invention relates to a flame retardant composition comprising: (a) 81 to 99.99 weight percent of a thermoplastic resin, thermoset resin, thermoplastic resin blend, or thermoset resin blend which upon burning forms a char and (b) 0.01-19 weight percent of a silsesquioxane resin having a weight average molecular weight of greater than 300, ~~and having the average molecular formula:~~



~~wherein each R is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, or an aryl group having from 6 to 12 carbon atoms, a and b are zero or positive numbers and the value of a+b is greater than zero, c is a positive number, d, e and f are zero or positive numbers with the proviso that the copolymer comprises at least 40 mole percent of  $RSiO_{3/2}$  units, the copolymer comprises less than 10 mole percent  $SiO_{4/2}$  units, greater than 30 mole percent of the silicon bonded R groups are silicon bonded aryl groups, greater than 0.5 mole percent of the silicon bonded R groups are silicon bonded hydrogen atoms, the content of silicon bonded hydroxyl groups is equal to or less than 2 weight percent, and the content of silicon bonded alkoxy groups where the alkoxy group is methoxy or ethoxy is equal to or less than 5 weight percent.~~